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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

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For: PROCESS FOR DETECTING HIV-3  
RETROVIRUS

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Group Art Unit: 1645

Examiner: ZEMAN, R.A.

Atty. Dkt. No.: 11362.0025.DVUS03

**SUBMISSION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 IN  
RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED OCTOBER 29, 2004**

**Mail Stop RCE**

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

This paper is submitted as part of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) with the appropriate fee. It is believed to be fully responsive to the Final Office Action dated October 29, 2004, for which the three-month date for response was January 29, 2004. Also provided herewith is a Request for Continued Examination.

A request for a three-month extension of time to respond is also enclosed herewith. This three-month extension will bring the due date to April 29, 2005, which is within the six-month statutory period. The Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee of **\$1,020.00** to Deposit Account No. 01-2508/11362.0025.DVUS03 for this three-month extension. Should any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Deposit Account No. 01-2508/**11362.0025.DVUS03**.

Reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.